

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

(Write the District and Division, if any, of
the court in which the complaint is filed.)

Richard J. Steinle

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing
this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs
cannot fit in the space above, please write "see
attached" in the space and attach an additional
page with the full list of names.)

-against-

Laurie J. Pittman

(Write the full name of each defendant who is
being sued. If the names of all the defendants
cannot fit in the space above, please write "see
attached" in the space and attach an additional
page with the full list of names.)

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Complaint for a Civil Case

Case No. _____
(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Jury Trial: ☒ Yes ☐ No
(check one)

JUDGE ADAMS

MAG. JUDGE BURKE

I. The Parties to This Complaint**A. The Plaintiff(s)**

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name	<u>Richard J. Steinle</u>
Street Address	<u>219 Woodsdale Drive</u>
City and County	<u>Magadore Portage</u>
State and Zip Code	<u>Ohio 44260</u>
Telephone Number	<u>234-521-4326</u>
E-mail Address	<u>rsteinle@gmail.com</u>

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name	<u>Laurie J. Pittman</u>
Job or Title (if known)	<u>Judge</u>
Street Address	<u>203 W. Main St</u>
City and County	<u>Ravenna Portage</u>
State and Zip Code	<u>Ohio 44266</u>
Telephone Number	<u>330-297-3862</u>
E-mail Address (if known)	<u></u>

Defendant No. 2

Name	<u></u>
Job or Title (if known)	<u></u>
Street Address	<u></u>
City and County	<u></u>

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(if known)

Defendant No. 3

Name

Job or Title

(if known)

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(if known)

Defendant No. 4

Name

Job or Title

(if known)

Street Address

City and County

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

(if known)

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction (limited power). Generally, only two types of cases can be heard in federal court: cases involving a federal question and cases involving diversity of citizenship of the parties. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, a case arising under the United States Constitution or federal laws or treaties is a federal question case. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, a case in which a citizen of one State sues a citizen of another State or nation and the amount at stake is more than \$75,000 is a diversity of citizenship case. In a diversity of citizenship case, no defendant may be a citizen of the same State as any plaintiff.

What is the basis for federal court jurisdiction? *(check all that apply)*

☒ Federal question

☐ Diversity of citizenship

Fill out the paragraphs in this section that apply to this case.

A. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is a Federal Question

List the specific federal statutes, federal treaties, and/or provisions of the United States Constitution that are at issue in this case.

1st Amendment of U.S. Constitution

B. If the Basis for Jurisdiction Is Diversity of Citizenship

1. The Plaintiff(s)

a. If the plaintiff is an individual

The plaintiff, *(name)* _____, is a citizen of the State of *(name)* _____.

b. If the plaintiff is a corporation

The plaintiff, *(name)* _____, is incorporated under the laws of the State of *(name)* _____, and has its principal place of business in the State of *(name)* _____.

(If more than one plaintiff is named in the complaint, attach an additional page providing the same information for each additional plaintiff.)

2. The Defendant(s)

a. If the defendant is an individual

The defendant, *(name)* _____, is a citizen of the State of *(name)* _____. Or is a citizen of *(foreign nation)* _____.

b. If the defendant is a corporation

The defendant, (name) _____, is
incorporated under the laws of the State of (name)
_____, and has its principal place of
business in the State of (name) _____. Or is
incorporated under the laws of (foreign nation)
_____, and has its principal place of
business in (name) _____.

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additional page providing the same information for each additional
defendant.)*

3. The Amount in Controversy

The amount in controversy—the amount the plaintiff claims the defendant
owes or the amount at stake—is more than \$75,000, not counting interest
and costs of court, because (explain):

unknown at filing of complaint

III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as
briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other
relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that
caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places
of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim
and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach
additional pages if needed.

Def. Pittman fired me for writing a letter
to the editor published in the Cleveland Plain
Dealer. See complaint for details.

IV. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

- 1) Plaintiff restored to prior position;
- 2) Compensatory damages;
- 3) Punitive damages

V. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: 8/17, 2017.

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff

Richard J. Steink

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B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: _____, 20__.

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Address

Telephone Number

E-mail Address
